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SUBJECT: VARDBERG IVP TOUR

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1. EIGHTEEN VARDBERG MEMBERS ACCOMPANIED BY NATIS INFORMATION OFFICER PLAN LEAVE ICELAND APRIL 19 FOR EIGHT DAY VISIT TO WASHINGTON, CINCLANT NORFOLK, "TYPICAL AMERICAN TOWN" AND NEW YORK CITY. \$30 PER VISITOR PER DIEM PLUS CHARTER BUS TRANSPORTATION WILL BE FINANCED BY REYKJAVIK FY-75 IVP BUDGET.

2. SUBJECT TO DEPARTMENT, MERIDIAN HOUSE INTERNATIONAL APPROVAL, RECOMMEND FOLLOWING TRAVEL SCHEDULE:

3. ARR JFK EVENING APRIL 19, MET BY CHARTER BUS WHICH DRIVES GROUP TO WASHINGTON. APRIL 20 AND 21 (SUNDAY AND MONDAY) IN WASHINGTON WITH SIGHTSEEING SUNDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING, AND PROGRAMMING AT STATE AND DOD MONDAY. ICELANDIC EMBASSY PROBABLY WIL WISH MEETGROUP ONE EVENING.

4. APR 22 AND 23 AT CINCLANT NORFOLK, WITH WASHINGTON/
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NORFOLK TRAVEL EITHER EVENING APRIL 21 OR MORNING APRIL 22.
CINCLANT PROGRAM TO INCLUDE BRIEFINGS, ORIENTATIONS, TOURS ON

NORTH ATLANTIC SECURITY.

5. APRIL 24 AND 25 IN "TYPICAL AMERICAN TOWN" EN ROUTE BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK. THIS VISIT PRESUMES LOCAL AND HOME HOSPITALITY. HOME STAYS WOULD BE DESIRABLE BUT NOT A REQUISITE.

6. TRAVEL TO NEW YORK CITY LATE AFTERNOON OR EVENING APRIL 25 WITH APRIL 26 AND 27 IN NEW YORK, DEPARTING FROM JFK FOR ICELAND EVENING APRIL 27TH. SIGHTSEEING TOUR APRIL 27 DESIRABLE. ICELANDIC MISSION TO U.N. PROBABLY WILL WISH TO MEET GROUP.

7. REQUEST CONFIRMATION THESE DATES ACCEPTABLE TO AGENCIES CONCERNED. HOTEL RESERVATIONS SHOULD BE NINE TWIN BED DOUBLES WITH SHOWER PLUS ONE SINGLE WITH SHOWER.

8. NEITHER EMBASSY NOR COMICEDEFOR CAN FINANCE U.S. ESCORT OFFICER FROM HERE. MISSION BELIEVES IT DESIRABLE A U.S. ESCORT ACCOMPANY, PREFERABLY BEGINNING AT JFK, BUT CERTAINLY COMMENCING UPON ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON.

9. FURTHER GUIDANCE ON WASHINGTON, NORFOLK PROGRAMS COMING NEXT WEEK. ACTUAL LIST OF PARTICIPANTS NOT APT TO BE FIRM UNTIL LATTER HALF MARCH. GROUP WILL PROBABLY INCLUDE FOUR TO FIVE NON-ENGLISH SPEAKERS. WHERE SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON, FORFOLK, A BILINGUAL MEMBER OF VARDBERG GROUP COULD PROVIDE THIS SERVICE.
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